

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
OF THE PARISH OF MANCETTER**

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of the Parish of Mancetter, held on
Tuesday 22nd September 2015 commencing at 7.00pm in the School Room, St. Peter's Church, Mancetter.

Present:

Chairman Mr T Hopkins

Parish Councillors Mr T Benham, Mrs S Healy, Mr H Blackburn, Mr J Everitt, Mrs G Forknall,
Mr C Tooby

County and Borough Councillors Mr C Clark, Mr M Davis, Mrs D Clews

Parish Clerk Mrs K Meads

Public Mr J Arrowsmith

Item 1-Apologies

There were no apologies recorded.

Item 2 – Recording of the meeting

The Chairman, Mr T Hopkins welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if anyone recording the meeting could make themselves known. There was no recording of the meeting.

Item 3 – Welcome and co-option of Councillors

Mr Hopkins welcomed all Councillors.

Mr J Arrowsmith expressed an interest in being co-opted to the Council, with a review being carried out in May 2016. It was agreed that Mr Arrowsmith be Co-opted and the Declaration Form was duly completed. Mr T Hopkins confirmed that all vacancies had now been filled.

As this point Mr Hopkins requested a minute's silence to reflect on the very sad loss of former Councillor Mr Bryan Hamson who passed away in August.

Item 4 – Notice of Interest

Mr T Hopkins and Mrs G Forknall declared an interest in Item 15-Allotments.

Item 5-Approval of draft minutes of the Meeting of 21st July 2015

It was unanimously agreed that the draft minutes of the Parish Council meeting of 21st July 2015 be accepted.

Item 6 – Matters Arising from the meeting of 21st July 2015

• **Crown Waste Management – Chicken Broiler application.**

The Clerk confirmed that she had contacted the Environment Agency for an update on the licence application. She read a letter from EA stating that a document was being considered by The Legal Department at EA and when complete would be passed to all statutory bodies for consultation.

• **Burning of dog waste at Glebe Kennels in Ridge Lane.**

Mr T Hopkins advised that he had been keeping a record of the dates and times that burning of dog waste was occurring. This information had been sent to Environmental Health Department at NWBC but the burning was still happening. Mr Hopkins also advised that he had reported the incidents to DEFRA who confirmed that a D7 Exemption certificate was required when burning this type of waste. An Officer was due to visit the site. We have not received a report, but burning has ceased at this time.

Signed by T Hopkins – Chairman Date: 24th November 2015
Agreed by all Councillors

- **Ridge Lane Affordable Housing**

The Clerk read out a letter received from Angela Coates of NWBC confirming that, due to an oversight the Parish Council had not been consulted on this matter. She also confirmed that issues raised during the consultation meeting will be considered and that the Parish Council will be kept informed of developments. There was considerable discussion on this matter particularly regarding the distance residents from Ridge Lane have to travel to a doctor's surgery. County Councillor Chris Clark advised that he is currently working to secure Health Provision in Hartshill and he will obtain a Public Health Profile on Ridge Lane as part of this process.

- **A5 Contact Group**

Mr T Hopkins reported that he had attended a meeting about the proposed improvements at the Mancetter Island and Woodford Lane junction. The proposal is to reduce the approach to the island from Nuneaton to single carriageway. It was suggested that if this happens then the speed limit will need to be reduced to 30mph. These changes have not yet been costed and the planned re-surfacing is on hold due to lack of funding. The modifications at the Woodford Lane exit are going ahead, but no details are available at this time. This was discussed in great detail and the County Councillor confirmed that he has requested traffic lights at Woodford Lane, but there is little or no enthusiasm from Highways England for them. This is thought to be because no fatalities have been recorded!

Mr J Arrowsmith commented that he thought that the new layout at The Red Gate was working well. *Amendment to Draft Minutes: Mr Arrowsmith pointed out that the comment above was from a resident local to The Red Gate not from himself.*

- **Footpaths**

Mr T Hopkins reported that the diversion of footpaths AE108 and AE109 was now complete and it was a very neat job.

The Clerk reported that she had contacted Mancetter Scouts to ask if any members were interested in joining a Volunteer Footpath Task Force but had no feedback to report at this time.

Item 7 – Report from Police

There was no police report.

Mr H Blackburn stressed his disappointment that when Nuneaton Road was closed recently lorries were diverted through Quarry Lane ignoring the weight limit on the bridge. Mr Blackburn is also very concerned that the police are not coming out to incidents, but issuing incident numbers.

Item 8 – Report from County and Borough Councillors

Mrs D Clews said that she was of the opinion that the recent Area Forum meeting was very good and she was pleased that Church Walk was one of the priority areas this quarter. Mrs S Healy confirmed that walk about had commenced on Thursday 17th September in Church Walk and Lewis Close.

Mr J Arrowsmith thanked Mr M Davis for including Carlyon Road on the high priority list.

Although the Clerk had reported the overhanging trees and shrubs at the old allotment area in Watling Street Mancetter nothing had been done. Mr Arrowsmith requested that Mr M Davis take up this matter. Mr Davis agreed to this.

Mr Davis also advised that the work to the roofs at Ridge Lane flats should go ahead soon.

Mr Davis also reminded everyone about the Civic Service at St Peter's Church on Sunday 4th October and the Bavarian Night in aid of Alzheimer's on Saturday 31st October at Mancetter Memorial Hall.

County Councillor Mr C Clark advised that:

- He was still working with STWA to remedy blocked drains and gulleys and he urged people to report blockages to him.
- There is a meeting of Margaret Road Residents on Thursday 24th September at Outwoods School to discuss parking and speeding concerns.
- TNT have given money for Road Safety Instruction in Atherstone Schools
- The deadline for County Council Grant Fund is 30th September. He advised that he would use any surplus funding to set up a community project to address concerns about anti-social behaviour.

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Parish Councillors asked the following questions of Mr Clark

- Could he speak to County Council about the mud on the road around the Extra Care Scheme as the road cleaning seemed to be ineffective?
- Now that building of the new QE School has commenced will the issue of the speed cushions in Witherley Road be addressed? This matter was discussed by everyone and it was felt that as the regulations about speed bumps and cushions was so confusing, this issue may not be resolved.

Mr Clark and Mr Davis left the meeting at this point but Mrs Clews stayed as she wanted to discuss a matter later in the agenda.

Item 9 – Planning Applications

The following applications were discussed:

- Lunn Engineering – new workshop building – No objection
- 28 The Spinney – non self- contained accommodation – No objection
- Oak Tree Farm – storage building – No objection
- 76 Manor Road – new shed – No objection
- Greenacres – Goods vehicle Operator’s Licence – There is no planning application to back up this licence request. NWBC are dealing with this as an alleged unauthorised development/use. We have lodged an objection with the Traffic Commissioner.

Mr T Hopkins reported that he and Mrs S Healy had attended a Quarry Liaison meeting where it was confirmed that Lafarge Tarmac is now owned by an Irish Company and the new trading name is CRH Tarmac. There is an application with WCC to vary the hours of working. This is not for plant and lorries to enter or leave the site, but for earth moving to enable them to get at the stone by March 2016. After discussion it was agreed that there would be no objection from Mancetter Parish Council.

Item 10 – Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk confirmed that the Consultant, Clive Keble had analysed all of the data from the questionnaires and comments made at the Roman Day and he was ready to feed back. A meeting will be arranged in October to discuss the next stages.

Item 11-Any other Parish Business

- **Social Media Policy** – All Parish Councils have been advised by WALC that they should have a Social Media Policy. A draft Policy had been issued before the meeting. It was agreed to adopt the policy, after minor changes, which will be confirmed at the next meeting.
- **Mancetter WI Commemorative bench** – 2016 will be the 80th Anniversary of WI in Mancetter. The WI would like to place a bench in Mancetter Cemetery to commemorate this event. Mrs D Clews has given the WI advice on applying for a NWBC Community Grant. After discussion it was agreed to reserve a place in the cemetery for a bench and that the Parish Council would maintain the bench in future as per their Benches in the Parish Policy. (Mrs Clews left the meeting after this item).
- **Manor Road/ Church Walk Extra Care Scheme** – After a number of complaints about parking and site issues a meeting between Willmott Dixon, Housing 21, WCC and NWBC has been arranged for Monday 5th October at 2pm on site. Mr T Hopkins and Mrs S Healy will attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

Mr T Hopkins advised councillors of the following:

- The next Quarry Liaison Meeting will be on Monday 7th December 2015
- There is no date set yet for the next Sarval Liaison meeting (formerly De-Mulders) but asked if anyone was willing to attend as we currently only have one representative. Mrs G Forknall agreed to attend, work permitting.
- At the recent NW Area of Parish Councils Mr J Taylor was appointed Chairman.

Mrs S Healy advised that the next NWCAVA meeting is at Wood End on 26th November.

Item 12 – Correspondence

A full list of correspondence received had been passed to councillors. (Appendix I)

Details of the WALC AGM on 4th November have been received. It was agreed that Mr T Hopkins and Mrs S Healy will attend.

Item 13 – Cheques and Accounts

Mrs K Meads issued a full statement of all accounts up to 21st September 2015. (Appendix II). All cheques and bank payments were signed in accordance with the bank mandate.

Item 14 – Cemetery and Maintenance

Mr T Hopkins reported that the Handyman was continuing to paint the cemetery gates and maintain the benches.

Item 15 – Allotments

Mr T Hopkins reported that there were no issues on the allotments.

Item 16 – Publicity

- Mrs K Meads advised that a report for the September/October edition of Mancetter Matters had been sent in.

Item 17 - Date of next meeting. 24th November 2015

There being no further business Mr T Hopkins closed the meeting at 9pm